

Presbyteries

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Candidate: Mr. A. E. Dallas was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

The Women's Societies reported a membership of six hundred and fifty-three, and a total of contributions to all causes of \$3,297. Presbytery adopted a resolution urging all societies to unite with the Woman's Presbyterian Union.

American Bible Society: The Presbytery requested all churches to take part in the observance of the approaching centennial of the founding of the American Bible Society.

Order was taken for a week's services at each of the vacant churches before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. P. L. Bruce was appointed moderator of the session of the Hanging Fork church while it is without a pastor.

The Mountain Section of this Presbytery having been transferred to Appalachia Synod, measures were taken to press more actively our Presbyterian Home Mission work.

Foreign Missions: Presbytery spent an hour in considering the claims of the foreign missionary work and in prayer for its success.

Ministerial Relief: The churches were urged to contribute to the Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief, and eight elders were named and appointed to visit the churches in the interest of this cause.

More than half the churches have adopted the "Every Member Canvass" plan of church finance.

The Fall Session of Presbytery will be held in Lawrenceburg.

E. M. Green, S. C.

MERIDIAN.

Presbytery met at Biloxi, April 18th, with twenty ministers and twenty-six elders in attendance. The moderator, Rev. E. B. Witherspoon, preached the opening sermon from Acts 9:1-3.

Officers: Rev. A. C. Ormond, moderator; Rev. J. W. Allen, temporary clerk.

Ministerial Changes: Letters upon request were granted Rev. Henry Yerger, D. D., Rev. E. P. Craddock and Rev. William Megginson. Rev. J. M. Rhea's name, on request, was dropped from the roll. Rev. W. C. West, a member of this body, died at his home in New Albany, Ind., last December.

Rev. William J. McInnis and Rev. D. L. Barr were received by letter. Rev. H. M. Jenkins will leave his work on the Gulf Coast and go to Meridian, Fourth church, with Mt. Carmel and Lauderdale in group. His leaving was earnestly opposed by his churches. The commission to install him pastor of Meridian, Fourth, consists of Rev. D. H. Scanlon, Ph. D., Rev. D. L. Barr and Hon. W. E. Baskin.

The following commission will install Rev. D. L. Barr pastor of Meridian, Second: Rev. D. H. Scanlon, Ph. D., Rev. H. M. Jenkins, Mr. R. E. Wilbourn and Rev. George D. Booth. Rev. E. J. Currie and Elder George Bacon will install Rev. W. J. McInnis pastor of Bay Street church.

A brief biographical sketch of Rev. William Bingham, written by himself, was read, and prayer was offered for the brother now on the honorably retired list and infirm.

The Presbyterian sermon on Baptism (Acts 2:38) was preached by Rev. A. C. Ormond, who presented the subject in a lucid and practical way.

Wednesday evening was devoted to Foreign Missions. The report of the committee was read by Rev. Dr. Scanlon, and the address was delivered by Rev. W. J. McInnis. A collection was taken up for the Palmer Orphanage. Rev. P. C. Martin will preach the Presbyterian sermon next fall on the Atonement.

The report of the Presbyterian was read and filed. It showed growing interest in the work. Report on the Hungarian work at Sanford was made by the Home Mission Committee. The Home Mission Committee's report made several changes in grouping. Rev. M. E. Melvin, D. D., sent in report in behalf of Synodical Committee, which was given attention.

Presbytery will meet at Leaksville next fall. Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the moderator.

A. B. Coit, S. C.

MECKLENBURG.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg met in its spring session in the old and historic church of Steele Creek, the

largest country church in our Assembly, on Tuesday, April 11, 1916, at 11 o'clock A. M. Nearly a full Presbytery was present to answer roll call, there being thirty ministers and thirty-five elders present at the first service, also five visiting brethren. A very large congregation was also present.

The Rev. Dr. Ralston opened Presbytery with a sermon from Gal. 6:14, a very fine gospel sermon.

The Rev. Dr. W. E. McIlwaine was unanimously elected moderator. The Rev. A. J. Crane, stated clerk, and Rev. John E. Wood, permanent clerk, were at their posts.

The Rev. G. W. Belk, of Muhlenburg, and the Rev. John L. Ray, of King's Mountain Presbyteries; Rev. E. G. Carson, of the Associate Reformed, and the Rev. Shuford Peeler, of the Reformed churches, were invited to sit as corresponding members. The Rev. Mr. Hargett, of the Methodist church, was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Reports showed that every church had accessions on profession of faith, there were in all eight hundred and eighty-two additions on confession and five hundred and seventeen by letter. Nearly every church also had shown gratifying increase in giving to the benevolent causes. A very encouraging report was received from the Presbytery in session at Pineville.

A valuable Conference on the Country Church was held, and some very fine talks were made.

Candidates S. M. Wolfe and S. A. Ewart were dismissed to Louisville Presbytery.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. G. W. Shipley and the Albemarle church was dissolved.

The Rev. G. W. Belk was received from Muhlenburg Presbytery, and was granted permission to labor as an evangelist outside of our bounds.

The Home Mission report was an interesting one, and during its consideration several good talks were made from the men in the field. It was decided to take over Montgomery county and that part of Richmond west of the Pee Dee river from Fayetteville Presbytery.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions. The Rev. George P. Stephens, of our China Mission and a member of this Presbytery, made an interesting talk on China.

Licentiate B. B. Shankel, who is supplying the Indian Trail group, was ordained as an evangelist.

Mr. F. V. Long, of Philadelphia church, and Mr. R. C. Clouts, of Bethlehem church, were received as candidates for the ministry.

The Rev. W. T. Walker, superintendent of Barium Springs Orphanage, presented the claims of the Orphanage.

The Board of Trustees of Queens College, made a report, after which a resolution was adopted strongly commending the college.

The commissioners to the Assembly are: Ministers, Rev. Messrs. J. W. Orr, H. E. Gurney and D. H. Ralston, D. D.; Elders Messrs. C. H. Spratt, A. M. Gray and H. K. Reid.

A hearty vote of thanks was adopted by a rising vote, for the abundant hospitality and kindness of the Steele Creek pastor and people.

The stated fall meeting of Presbytery will be held in Queens College in Charlotte, September the 11th, at 8 o'clock P. M., 1916. An adjourned meeting will be held in the First church, Charlotte, May 15th, at 2 o'clock P. M., and another at Walkersville church, Union County, July 10th, at the same hour.

John E. Wool,
Permanent Clerk.

TEXAS-MEXICAN.

The Texas-Mexican Presbytery met at the Mexican Presbyterian church at San Antonio, Texas, April 21-24, 1916. With one except, all the ministers were present and the one who was not present, is more than seven hundred miles away, from the place where the meeting took place.

The opening sermon was preached by the writer instead of Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, the retiring moderator.

The business sessions were very interesting. All the workers brought very encouraging reports from their respective fields.

Several of them reported new fields in which much good can be accomplished if we could get the workers and the money to support them. We need very much in our work another American missionary. There was an increase in every respect, but specially in the number of members received

by examination. In this department we have an increase of more than 45 per cent. over the number received the preceding year. A good number of our members went away from our field, on account of the scarcity of work.

Our Presbytery as Presbytery took an offering for the Ministerial Relief Endowment Fund, which amounted to forty dollars. That is, the ministers contributed five dollars each and the ruling elders three dollars each. The ministers have to borrow money from the treasurer over their salaries for this quarter, but they did this gladly, because they have a great interest that the Endowment Fund be secure for the relief of the disabled ministers, their widows and orphans.

We have in our Church 1,850 ministers, at five dollars apiece, will be \$9,250.00; 11,803 ruling elders, at three dollars per capita, will be \$35,409.00. If the Church at large should raise \$91,341.00 it will make a total of \$136,000, and so be entitled to draw the \$68,000, offered by one of our liberal elders.

We pray God that He teach His people to do their best in this matter of so much vital importance for the advancement of His kingdom.

E. Trevino,
Stated Clerk.

San Marcos, Tex.

ARKANSAS.

The Presbytery of Arkansas met in regular session with the First Presbyterian church of Blytheville, April 18th at 7:45 o'clock P. M. An unusually large number of ministers and elders were present to answer the first roll call, there being but four ministers absent, who were resident within the bounds of Presbytery, and eleven of the churches enrolled answered by representatives. This encouragement of attendance was sustained throughout the entire meeting, for not a request to be excused was made of the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Reports of the various sessions indicated an increased interest in all our churches, and the reports of the Presbyterial committees show decided progress along all lines.

Rev. M. D. Williams, of Wynne, was elected moderator, and Ruling Elder Roy D. Campbell, of Cotton Plant, temporary clerk.

Rev. Walter K. Johnson, of the Marianna church, and Mr. H. J. Spencer, ruling elder of the Jonesboro church, were elected principal commissioners to the Assembly, and Rev. J. L. Read, of the Central church, Little Rock, and Ruling Elder R. A. Neely, of the Searcy church, alternates.

Rev. R. L. Benn was received from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, of the Synod of Kentucky, and Rev. R. H. Viser, of Pine Bluff Presbytery, of our Synod, were received, and the call of the Newport church for the pastoral services of Mr. Benn was placed in his hands and a commission appointed to install him at such time as will best suit the congregation. At an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to meet at Little Rock May 1st, the call of the Argenta church is expected to be placed in the hands of Rev. R. H. Viser for his pastoral services.

Presbyterial sermons were preached by Rev. Anton VerHulst, on Family Religion, and by Rev. John Van Lear, D. D., on the Sabbath. Dr. Egbert W. Smith, the Assembly's secretary of Foreign Missions, favored us with a visit and preached a most helpful sermon at the Methodist church, to which the Presbytery adjourned for this special hour, because of its larger room. Newport was chosen as the place for the regular fall meeting.

The report of the Ad-Interim Committee on mileage was received, plans upon record and docketed for discussion at the fall meeting with provision for its adoption, if the way be clear, at the Spring meeting in 1917. The Presbytery is endeavoring to arrange to pay the traveling expenses of representatives after the plan used by the Assembly.

Rev. J. S. Murphey was dismissed to the Presbytery of Little Rock, U. S. A.

The High Street church, Little Rock, was, at its own request, transferred to the Presbytery of Little Rock, U. S. A., with the following statement attached: "The Presbytery of Arkansas in response to the request of the High Street church for transfer to the Presbytery of Little Rock, U. S. A., grants the transfer, but places on record its strong disapproval of the methods by which the High Street church was solicited to change its ecclesiastical affiliations, as it appears from their request that overtures were made to them to do so by represen-

tatives of the U. S. A. Church which is distinctively violative of the principles of comity existing between the churches U. S. A. and U. S. And this Presbytery asserts that the pursuit of such methods by the representatives of a sister church is not calculated to further the unity and harmony that should prevail between these great churches, but is disruptive of the cordial relation and esteem in which each should hold the other."

The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be at Newport, Ark., October 16th at 7:30 P. M.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian church, Little Rock, May 1st, 2 o'clock P. M.

T. J. Horne,
Stated Clerk.

LOUISVILLE.

Louisville Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in the seminary building, Louisville, April 27. Licentiate J. H. Longenecker was received from Transylvania Presbytery. A call from the Berry Boulevard church, which he has served while in the seminary, was placed in his hands, accepted by him, and he was examined for ordination. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install him as pastor of the Berry Boulevard church on May 11, 7:45 p. m.; Rev. W. H. Hopper, to preside and preach; Rev. W. Y. Davis to charge the pastor; Rev. Wm. McKay to charge the people; and Ruling Elder Hugh Barret. Alternates: Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D.; Rev. Paul H. Moore, Rev. R. S. Boyd; and Ruling Elder James Rainwater. Candidates S. A. Ewart and S. M. Wolf were received from Mecklenburg Presbytery. Mr. Wolf was dismissed to Knoxville Presbytery in view of his acceptance of work there. Candidate C. G. Partridge, Jr., was received from North Alabama Presbytery. The following candidates were licensed: S. A. Ewart, C. G. Partridge, Jr., John R. Benika and Cecil Atkinson. After licensure Mr. C. G. Partridge, Jr., was dismissed to the Presbytery of Arkansas, in view of his acceptance of a call to the Augusta church. Calls from the Glasgow and Mundfordville churches were accepted by Mr. Ewart, and the matter of Mr. Ewart's ordination and installation will be taken up at an adjourned meeting to be held at the call of the moderator. The committees appointed to confer with the Crescent Hill church reported that all the elders and deacons had, in accordance with the advice of Presbytery tendered their resignations and the same had been accepted. The following commission was appointed to have the oversight of the congregation until new elders and deacons shall be elected; Rev. David M. Sweets, D. D.; Rev. S. Boyd, Rev. W. W. Logan, D. D., and Ruling Elders James Qua and Hugh Barrett.

David M. Sweets, S. C.

ST. LOUIS.

The Presbytery of St. Louis met in Westminster church, St. Louis, April 18th at 8 p. m., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. R. Morehead, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church of St. Louis.

Officers: Rev. R. B. Crossman, moderator; Rev. O. L. Byrns, temporary clerk.

Rev. R. L. Walkup, secretary of the Assembly's Committee of Systematic Benevolence, was introduced and made an address which was heard with much pleasure.

E. M. C. The churches reporting the canvass increased from nine to twelve, with a decided increase in the number of subscribers.

Mr. C. R. Garrison, a member of Central church, was received as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

The Home Mission Committee reported that all of the churches but one had been supplied with preaching during the year.

Commissioners to the Assembly: Rev. J. Layton Mauzie, D. D., of Central church; Elder R. P. Williams, of Westminster church.

Alternates: Rev. S. M. Watson, of S. Dardenne church; Elder Tom W. McCluer, of O'Fallon church.

S. Dardenne selected as the place of the fall meeting.

Walter M. Langtry, S. C.

WESTERN TEXAS.

The Presbytery of Western Texas met in the Presbyterian church, Uvalde, Texas, April 11th, 1916, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. H. W. Hamilton, of